

DEPARTMENT OF GAME AND INLAND FISHERIES

Regulation 4VAC15-40. Game: In General

4VAC15-40-30. Recorded wild animal or wild bird calls or sounds prohibited in taking game; bobcats, coyotes, crows, and foxes excepted.

It shall be unlawful to take or attempt to take wild animals and wild birds with the exception of bobcats, coyotes, crows, and foxes by the use or aid of recorded animal or bird calls or sounds; provided, that electronic calls may be used on private lands for hunting bobcats, coyotes, and foxes with the written permission of the landowner and on ~~department-owned wildlife management areas unless otherwise posted by wildlife management area rules~~ public lands except where specifically prohibited.

4VAC15-40-70. Open dog training season.

A. Private lands and certain military areas. It shall be lawful to train dogs during daylight hours on rabbits and non migratory game birds on private lands, Fort A.P. Hill, Fort Pickett, and Quantico Marine Reservation. Participants in this dog training season shall not have any weapons other than starter pistols in their possession, must comply with all regulations and laws pertaining to hunting and no game shall be taken; provide, however, that weapons may be in possession when training dogs on ~~captive-reared and properly marked mallards and~~ pigeons so that they may be immediately shot or recovered, except on Sunday

B. Designated portions of certain department-owned lands. It shall be lawful to train dogs on quail on designated portions of the Amelia Wildlife Management Area, Chester F. Phelps Wildlife Management Area, Chickahominy Wildlife Management Area, and

Dick Cross Wildlife Management Area from September 1 to the day prior to the opening date of the quail hunting season, both dates inclusive. Participants in this dog training season shall not have any weapons other than starter pistols in their possession, shall not release pen-raised birds, must comply with all regulations and laws pertaining to hunting and no game shall be taken.

C. Designated department-owned lands. It shall be lawful to train dogs during daylight hours on rabbits and nonmigratory game birds on the Weston Wildlife Management Area from September 1 to March 31, both dates inclusive. Participants in this dog training season shall not have any weapons other than starter pistols in their possession, shall not release pen-raised birds, must comply with all regulations and laws pertaining to hunting and no game shall be taken.

4VAC15-40-190. Restricted use of body-gripping traps in excess of 7½ inches.

The use of body-gripping traps with a jaw spread in excess of 7½ inches is prohibited except when such traps are ~~covered~~ at least half submerged by water.

4VAC15-40-210. Restricted use of certain steel ~~leg-hold~~ foothold traps.

It shall be unlawful to set above the ground any steel ~~leg-hold~~ foothold trap with teeth set upon the jaws or with a maximum inside jaw spread exceeding 6 ½ inches measured perpendicular to the hinges.

4VAC15-40-220. Use of deadfalls prohibited; restricted use of snares.

It shall be unlawful to trap, or attempt to trap, on land any wild bird or wild animal with any deadfall or snare; provided, that snares with loops no more than 12 inches in diameter and with the ~~top~~ bottom of the snare loop set not to exceed 12 inches above ground level may be used with the written permission of the landowner; provided further that any snare set above the surface of the ground and capable of opening more than 4 inches in diameter must include a cable stop that prevents the loop from closing smaller

than 2 ½ inches in diameter. The provisions of this section shall not apply to department personnel while in performance of their official duties and other individuals specifically exempted by the director for the purpose of conducting wildlife damage management activities.